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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 10
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Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 10 opens set and drift gillnetting in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area from 5:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 17, 2013 until 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 18, 2013.

The outside terminal area boundaries are 600 feet south of the normal commercial regulatory marker located one mile north of the Kasilof River to 600 feet north of the normal commercial regulatory marker located one mile south of the Kasilof River. The first 600 feet from the mean high tide mark is open to set gillnets only and the area outside of 600 feet is open to drift gillnets only. The riverside closed area is a straight line drawn between the two commercial regulatory markers located in the river terminus. The offshore limit of this area is 1.5 miles from the navigational light located on the south bank of the Kasilof River but not closer than 600 feet of the set gillnet buoys in the normally open set gillnet area. This is approximately the area fished during the Kasilof River Personal Use Gillnet fishery that operates from June 15 to June 24. Specifics of this plan are on page 109-110 of the current regulation book.

Any fish caught during the terminal area fishery should be delivered on a separate fish ticket using statistical area 244-25 for set gillnet and 244-26 for drift gillnet.

The optimal escapement goal (OEG) for Kasilof River sockeye salmon is 160,000–390,000 fish. The cumulative passage estimate through 12:00 noon on July 16 is approximately 310,000 fish and projected to exceed 500,000 fish, which is above the OEG. Commercial fishing is occurring in the Kasilof River Special Harvest area in order to slow the rate of escapement of sockeye salmon to the Kasilof River.